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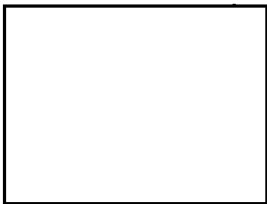


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F.O.A. POSITION PAPER ON THE FAR EAST INFORMATION PROJECT

1. The U.S. Government is currently spending great sums to guarantee the security of the Far East. It is essential that the importance placed on this area by the U.S. be made evident, and that the efforts of the U.S. to defend and develop this area be publicized among the people there.
2. Although the information type problems vary greatly from country to country, it nevertheless would be advantageous to have an overall regional plan to coordinate the entire information effort. This plan would insure that the resources of USIA, CIA, Defense, and State are used fully and most effectively. That is, every American in the area should be contributing to the objective stated in Paragraph 1 above. Such a regional approach and plan would also insure full coordination among agencies and countries. It would provide for the exchange of ideas and experience among the various country missions about information methods and techniques.
3. USIA has been assigned primary responsibility in the information field by the NSC. USIA should take the lead, and working with the other agencies named through the OCB should develop the regional plan mentioned above.

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